

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. I , once had SBC as my provider. They united with yahoo and changed everything. They said everything would be better for everyone. Once I received their CD, my computer began to crash. Apparently, they were not compatible with the program I was using. Either I went to a lower program or change providers. With the Smaller Business ISP (stick.net). I have not had any problems and am very pleased. If these small businesses are not allowed to flourish and compete, monopolies who do as they wish will take over to my dissatisfaction. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.